

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An engine~~ A ground system ~~in which~~  
~~intermediate positions on~~ for an engine mounted in a vehicle body, comprising a  
ground wire having two ends, the ground wire being electrically connected by one  
[[end]] of said ends thereof to a negative electrode terminal of a battery [[are]]  
.intermediate positions on the ground wire being electrically connected to ground  
points of the engine and [[then]] the other end of said ground wire [[is]] being  
grounded to the vehicle body, ~~wherein the grind points of the engine comprising a~~  
~~ground point of said engine is set on~~ [[the]] a cylinder head of said engine.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An engine~~ A ground system ~~in which~~  
~~intermediate positions on a ground wire electrically connected by one end thereof~~  
~~to a negative electrode terminal of a battery are electrically connected to ground~~  
~~points of the engine and then the other end of said ground wire is grounded to the~~  
~~vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the ground points of said engine are~~  
~~the cylinder head of said engine and~~ further comprise a clamping member for an  
intake manifold for clamping the intake manifold to the cylinder head.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An engine~~ A ground system in which intermediate positions on a ground wire electrically connected by one end thereof to a negative electrode terminal of a battery are electrically connected to ground points of the engine and then the other end of said ground wire is grounded to the vehicle body according to claim 2, wherein the ground points of said engine are the cylinder head of said engine, a clamping member for an intake manifold for clamping the intake manifold to the cylinder head, and further comprise a cover of the cylinder head [[cover]].

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An engine~~ A ground system in which intermediate positions on a ground wire electrically connected by one end thereof to a negative electrode terminal of a battery are electrically connected to ground points of the engine and then the other end of said ground wire is grounded to the vehicle body according to claim 3, wherein the ground points of said engine are the cylinder head of said engine and a clamping member for an intake manifold for clamping the intake manifold to the cylinder head, a cylinder head cover, and further comprise a throttle body.

5. (Currently Amended) The engine ground system according to any of claims 2 through 4, wherein spark means provided in said engine has a direct ignition coil of an internal igniter type accommodated in a plug cap, a ground wire

for the plug cap, one end of the plug cap ground wire being electrically connected to the plug cap and the other end of the plug cap ground wire ~~for a plug cap electrically connected by one end thereof to the plug cap accommodating the direct ignition coil is~~ being electrically connected to said clamping member for an intake manifold.

6. (Currently Amended) The engine ground system according to claim 5, wherein one end ~~portion~~ of said plug cap of said ground wire ~~for a plug cap~~ is electrically connected to ~~[[the]]~~ a clamping member ~~for the plug cap~~ for clamping said plug cap to said cylinder head.

7. (Currently Amended) The engine ground system according to any of claims 1 through ~~[[6]]~~ 4, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the negative electrode terminal of said battery to which the other end portion of said ground wire is electrically connected is grounded to said vehicle body via another ground wire different from said ground wire.

8. (Currently Amended) The engine ground system according to any of claims 1 through ~~[[7]]~~ 4, wherein said ground wire and said ground wire for a plug cap each have a four-layer structure comprising, ~~from the core portion thereof,~~ a core wire ~~composed~~ comprised of bundled twisted wires formed by twisting fine

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copper wires, an inner coating member, which is comprising a synthetic resin material coated on ~~[[the]]~~ an outer periphery of the core wire, a wire mesh, which is comprising an electrically conductive material ~~provided so as to cover the~~ and covering an outer periphery of said coating material, and an outer coating member, which is comprising a synthetic resin material, ~~provided on~~ [[the]] an outer periphery of said wire mesh.